



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the First Things First Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on September 17, 2008 at Ben Furlong Education Building – 8700 S. Kyrene Rd., Tempe AZ 85284.

Jackie Garner, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:44 p.m. Council Chair Garner thanked Council Member Pomush for her information on quality care; Council Member Donovan for information on her article “Go to School, or Do Crime”, and Council Member Waterkotte for his information on American Academy of Pediatrics.

**Members Present**

Andrea Colby, Angela Capone, Bonni Pomush, Genoveva Acosta-Bueno, Glenn Waterkotte, Hope Dillon, Jackie Garner, Karen Emery, Kathy Halter, Maureen Duane, Trinity Donovan

**Guests**

Wendy Sabatini, Regional Manager of First Things First Maricopa Region  
Lyra Contreras, First Things First Grants and Contracts Specialist  
Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Regional Coordinator of First Things First Pinal Region  
Seven members from the public  
Three Community Resource Presenters

**Consent Agenda**

There was one item on the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the September 3, 2008 meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Dillon to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Duane. Motion approved.

Council Chair Garner reminded the public that anyone wishing to speak about an agenda item should inform Coordinator Floth.

**Conclusion:**

Council Members Dillon and Acosta-Bueno will work in conjunction with Coordinator Floth to plan the structure for participating in this event. All Council Members are encouraged to email their input to Coordinator Floth.

**Council Updates**

Council Member Donovan presented information regarding the City of Chandler’s Day of Play as an opportunity to showcase First Things First and the Central Maricopa Region. It is scheduled for October 18 from 9:00a – 1:00p. There is a \$25 per table fee. Member Halter moved that Members of the Council will participate in this event, seconded by Member Colby. All were in favor. The motion carried.

### **Call to the Public**

Members from the Chandler Unified School District provided information about their programs. Presented the Council with their recommendations for leveraging funds.

### **Review of Prioritized Goals**

Council Members revisited the goals and strategies chosen at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to make sure the key issues have been considered. Coordinator Floth stated that on November 10<sup>th</sup> the funding plan is due to the FTF Board. On October 17<sup>th</sup>, the Council will determine the funding amounts for each strategy.

### **Overview of State-Funded initiatives**

Ms. Sabatini provided an overview of statewide initiatives stating that 9% of the \$150 million dollar budget has been set aside for statewide initiatives. All the goals are interrelated to build an early childhood, comprehensive approach. Ms. Sabatini shared the main elements of Quality First!, which is a voluntary program. First The Rating System of Quality First will roll out in July 2010. Ms. Sabatini stated that the state is funding an infrastructure of 200 centers and 100 homes during the first year with the Regional Partnership Councils having the opportunity to purchase additional slots in centers and homes. Ms. Sabatini also presented an overview of Health Care Consultation, Arizona Parents Kit and T.E.A.C.H.

### **Funding Plan Overview**

Ms. Contreras discussed the handout she provided on Funding Information and Next Steps. Ms. Contreras stated that the First Things First Finance staff are available to assist the Council in determining costs for strategies and that she would assist the Council in formulating a Regional Funds Grant Application (RFGA) specific to Council's goals.

### **Council Workgroups**

Council Members broke into smaller workgroups to discuss strategies. The workgroups will report their discussions at the October 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

### **Strategy Development**

Ms. Sabatini gave a brief overview of the FTF Strategy Toolkit.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council Chair Garner adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:22PM.

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Sharon Layton, Administrative Assistant III

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Jackie Garner, Regional Council Chair